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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ITEM 12, CAMBODIA

1. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER ITEM 12(B) AT P.M. MEETNG MARCH 3, MR. EVAN LUARD, UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.
2. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT ACTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN UNDER ITEM 12(B), THERE WERE OTHER CASES OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE NEVER MENTIONED IN THE COMMISSION'S PROCEEDINGS, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA BEING A PRIME EXAMPLE.
3. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IF WE CONTINUED TO "TURN A BLIND EYE TO THIS SITUATION, WE WILL GRADUALLY DISCREDIT THE COMMISSION AND PERHAPS, EVEN THE UN GENERALLY, IN THE EYES OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION".
4. IN DETAILING THE WIDESPREAD ALLEGATIONS OF ATROCITIES

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COMMITTED IN KAMPUCHEA, LUARD QUOTED FROM THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT, ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE LONDON AND LOS ANGELES TIMES, LE MONDE, NEWSWEEK, DER SPIEGEL, AND FROM "CAMBODGE ANNEE ZERO," BY FATHER FRANCOIS PONCHAUD, "MURDER OF A GENTLE LAND" BY BARRON AND PAUL.

5. IN CONCLUSION, LUARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD MAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND SHOULD SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY.

6. PRIOR TO LUARD'S SPEECH, THE UK DEL HAD DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS A COPY OF THEIR DOSSIER ON CAMBODIA, WHICH INCLUDED THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT, 1977, MATERIAL FROM CAMBODGE ANNEE ZERO, THE GUARDIAN, THE TIMES, LE MONDE, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, AND NEWSWEEK.

7. THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE UK TABLED ON THIS ITEM, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE DEBATED ON TUESDAY, FOLLOWS.

8. BEGIN TEXT. THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

BEARING IN MIND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN WHICH MEMBER STATES HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO ACHIEVE IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR, AND OBSERVANCE OF, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS; AND ALSO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH LAYS DOWN A COMMON STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL PEOPLES AND ALL NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII) IN WHICH IT DECIDED TO GIVE ANNUAL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1235 (XLII) WHICH AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE INFORMATION RELEVANT TO GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND TO MAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF SITUATIONS WHICH REVEAL A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

DEEPLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA,

1. DECIDES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1235 (XLII) TO REQUEST THE CHAIRMAN TO APPOINT A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO CARRY OUT A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA;

2. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA IN

CARRYING OUT THIS STUDY;

3. APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA TO
EXTEND ITS FULL COOPERATION TO THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR IN
CARRYING OUT HIS TASK, INCLUDING THE GRANTING OF
FACILITIES TO VISIT DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA;

4. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO REPORT THE
RESULTS OF HIS STUDY TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RENDER THE SPECIAL

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RAPPORTEUR ALL SUCH ASSISTANCE AS HE MAY REQUIRE IN HIS
WORK;

6. DECIDES TO CONSIDER AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION WITH
APPROPRIATE PRIORITY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT
ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.
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